~Reminder: Reconsent at Age 18~

When an account is created for someone who is under the age of 18, the consent is only valid until that individual turns 18. Consent can be updated in different ways, depending on your specific situation:

- **If you are the parent of a child who just turned 18 and you do not have legal guardianship:**
  - Your child will need to update his or her account contact information and retake the GenomeConnect survey to consent to participate in GenomeConnect.
  - If your child no longer wishes to participate, he or she can contact us by phone (855-322-7683) or email at info@genomeconnect.org.

- **If you are the parent of a child who just turned 18 and you have legal guardianship:**
  - Please let us know by sending an email to the GenomeConnect team at info@genomeconnect.org. This will allow us to record that you have legal guardianship.
  - We also encourage participants to retake the GenomeConnect survey each year so that we can collect information about any health changes.

Candidate genes are usually categorized as uncertain test results. Further research is needed to determine whether a candidate gene is responsible for the symptoms of a disease.

GenomeConnect is the ClinGen patient registry. ClinGen is working to understand the relationship between genes and diseases through their expert panels.


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~What are Candidate Genes?~

Candidate genes are also called genes of uncertain significance (GUS) since their relationship to disease is unclear. A candidate gene is a gene that could potentially be linked to a disease, but more information is needed.